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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Security Committee

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14 September 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Lloyd E. Dean
FBI Member, DCI Security Committee

FROM:

Chairman

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SUBJECT: Technical Security on Capitol Hill

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1. As you know, the Security Committee sponsored a survey of Capitol Hill technical security, in cooperation with the Capitol Police Board and with the assistance of Capitol Police officers. The results of that survey indicated potential vulnerabilities to technical attack. The Director of Central Intelligence so advised the chairmen of the Congressional Oversight Committees, and offered the assistance, advice and facilities of the Intelligence Community to the Capitol Police to improve their capabilities for technical security with the objective of their assuming eventual responsibility for the security of sensitive testimony on the Hill.

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2. Continued DCI staff involvement in implementation of these arrangements with the Capitol Police has the potential of being construed as CIA involvement in domestic security matters. It seems much more appropriate for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to be responsible for such internal security activities.

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3. Accordingly, I request your assistance in arranging for the FBI to assume the lead in coordinating the ongoing program to train and equip the Capitol Police to enhance their technical security capabilities. This would involve the FBI becoming the sponsoring Intelligence Community organization to include arranging for training of Capitol Police personnel to Community standards of expertise in technical security countermeasures. It would also involve taking over responsibility for coordinating US Army efforts to provide interim technical security coverage for sensitive Defense testimony on the Hill and validating, in conjunction with appropriate Community entities, the adequacy of technical countermeasures equipment recommended for purchase by the Capitol Police. Finally, this would involve monitoring the progress of the Capitol Police toward high proficiency in technical security, and reporting periodically to the Security Committee through its Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Subcommittee. This effort involves only staff support and coordination, not resource commitment.

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4. This request has been coordinated with the DCI's Office of Legislative Liaison.

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5. FBI assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated. I would be pleased to arrange a meeting among technical security and legislative liaison officers of the FBI and the Intelligence Community Staff to discuss this matter further. The staff member responsible for this project is

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